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Taunton Furniture Store Fire Intentionally Set

Investigators have determined that the February 28, 2004 fire at Baron Brothers Furniture located at 24 Winthrop Street in Taunton was intentionally set. All unintentional ignition scenarios have been ruled out. The investigation moves from the fire cause and origin determination phase to a criminal investigation.

The fire is being jointly investigated by members of the Taunton Fire and Police Departments, State Police investigators in the Office of the State Fire Marshal and agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The ATF assists in all large commercial fire loss investigations.

The investigative team asks that anyone with information about the 8 p.m. fire contact the Arson Hotline in the State Fire Marshal's Office at 1-800-682-9229. If anyone saw anything prior to the fire, or just after the fire started or has any other information, please contact investigators confidentially, 24-hours a day. The Arson Watch Reward Program also provides rewards of up to \$5,000 for helpful information.

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